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FM AMEMBASSY BERN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2589

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EO 11652: NA

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SUBJ: CONSULAR PACKAGE

REF: STATE 96907

1. THE BERN CONSULAR SECTION WILL BE REORGANIZED BY THE PHYSICAL TRANSFER TO GENEVA OF THREE EMPLOYEES WHEN A BRANCH OF THE CONSULAR SECTION OPENS THERE ON MAY 20, 1976. NO ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL RESOURCES ARE REQUIRED TO OPEN THE GENEVA BRANCH OFFICE (GBO), WHICH WILL PERFORM ALL CONSULAR SERVICES EXCEPT FOR FEDERAL BENEFITS WORK AND THE ISSUANCE OF VISAS OTHER THAN EMERGENCY DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL VISAS. WHETHER ADDITIONAL POSITIONS WILL BE REQUIRED IN THE FUTURE TO STAFF THE GBO WILL DEPEND ON ITS WORKLOAD. IT APPEARS LIKELY, HOWEVER, THAT THE COMBINED WORKLOAD OF THE GENEVA AND BERN CONSULAR SECTIONS WILL EXCEED THAT OF THE PREVIOUS BERN CONSULAR OPERATION. A NUMBER OF AMERICANS RESIDENT IN THE LYON CONSULAR DISTRICT BUT NEARER TO GENEVA THAN TO LYON WILL UNDOUBTEDLY UTILIZE THE GBO ALTHOUGH THEY NEVER WENT SO FAR AS BERN. THE PROTECTION AND WELFARE CASE LOAD WILL ALSO UNDOUBTEDLY INCREASE IN GENEVA. IT IS APPARENT THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF A CONSULAR OFFICER IN GENEVA A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF PROTECTION AND WELFARE WORK IN GENEVA WAS SIMPLY NOT DONE. DISTRESSED AMERICANS RESOLVED THEIR PROBLEMS WITHOUT CALLING ON A CONSULAR OFFICER. WHEN, HOWEVER, A CONSULAR OFFICER IS LOCATED IN GENEVA HE WILL INEVITABLY BE CALLED UPON TO ASSIST SUCH AMERICANS IN THE GENEVA AREA. ACCORDINLY, THE FOLLOWING STATISTICS, WHICH UNCLASSIFIED

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ARE BASED ON A BERN ONLY OPERATION SHOULD BE USED IN

CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATISTICS TO BE GENERATED BY THE GBO
TO PREDICT FUTURE STAFFING DEMANDS FOR BOTH THE GBO AND THE
BERN CONSULAR SECTION.

SCHEDULE I FY-1975 FY-1976 FY-1977 FY-1978
IMMIGRANT VISAS ACTUAL ESTIMATE ESTIMATE ESTIMATE

AMEMBASSY 10/1/74 TO 10/1/75 TO 10/1/76 TO 10/1/77 TO

BERN, SWITZERLAND 9/30/75 9/30/76 9/30/77 9/30/78

1. IVS ISSUED 407 480 504 529
2. IVS REFUSED 53 50 50 50
3. TOTAL IV CASES 460 530 554 579

MAN-HOURS UTILIZED:

AMERICAN:

4. FULL TIME PERMANENT

928 644 644 644

5. TEMPORARY DETAIL 0 0 0 0

6. PIT 0 0 0 0

7. SUB-TOTAL AMERICAN

MAN-HOURS 928 644 644 644

LOCAL:

8. FULL TIME PERMANENT

1873 2241 2241 2241

9. TEMPORARY DETAIL 0 0 0 0

10. PIT 0 0 0 0

11. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL

MAN-HOURS 1873 2241 2241 2241

12. TOTAL IV MAN-HOURS

2801 2885 2885 2885

OF TOTAL IV CASES REQUIRING:

18. USE OF INTERPRETER

20 20 20 20

19. PARAKEET OR BOULDER

3 3 3 3

20. THIRD COUNTRY CHECK

400 420 441 463

21. NIVS ISSUED 24,105 26,613 27,920 29,037

22. NIVS REFUSED 537 340 360 400

23. TOTAL NIV CASES 24,642 26,953 28,280 29,437

MAN-HOURS UTILIZED:

AMERICAN:

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24. FULL TIME

PERMANENT 1,613 1,196 1,196 1,196

25. TEMPORARY DETAIL 0 0 0 0

26. PIT 0 0 0 0

27. SUB-TOTAL AMERICAN

MAN-HOURS 1,613 1,196 1,196 1,196

LOCAL:

28. FULL TIME

PERMANENT	5,155	4,695	4,695	4,695
29. TEMPORARY DETAIL	0	0	0	0
30. PIT	733	825	825	825
31. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL				
MANHOURS	5,888	5,520	5,520	5,520
32. TOTAL NIV				
MAN-HOURS	7,501	6,716	6,716	6,716
38 BORDER C. CARDS				
FY-75	0	0	0	0
39. CREW LIST VISAS				
FY-75	0	0	0	0
40. NAMES ON CREW LIST				
VISAS FY-75	0	0	0	0
OF TOTAL NIV CASES REQUIRING:				
41. INTERVIEWS	350	300	300	314
42. USE OF INTERPRETER				
	30	30	30	32
43. PARAKEET OR BOULDER				
	92	5	5	5
44. THIRD COUNTRY				
CHECK	1,200	1,280	1,340	1,380
SCHEDULE III				
SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES				
AMEMBASSY				
BERN, SWITZERLAND				
46. AMCIT DEATH	71	70	72	75
47 ESTATE/PROPERTY				
CLAIMS	258	270	280	290
48. NOTARIALS	3,347	3,500	3,550	3,600
49. WELFARE/WHERE-				
ABOUTS	483	500	520	530
50 ARRESTS	18	20	25	30
51. SEAMEN/SHIPPING	0	0	0	0
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52. OTHER AGENCY				
SERVICES	8,435	8,500	8,550	8,600
53. TOTAL SCS CASES	12,612	12,860	12,997	13,125
MAN-HOURS UTILIZED:				
AMERICAN:				
54. FULL TIME PERMANENT				
	1217	1,217	1,217	1,217
55. TEMPORARY DETAIL	0	0	0	0
56. PIT	0	0	0	0
57 SUB-TOTAL AMERICAN				
	1217	1,217	1,217	1,217
MAN HOURS				
LOCAL:				
58. FULL TIME				
PERMANENT	4,060	4,060	4,060	4,060

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59. TEMPORARY DETAIL	0	0	0	0
60. PIT	0	0	0	0
61. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL				
MAN HOURS	4,060	4,060	4,060	4,060
62. TOTAL SCS MAN HOURS	5,277	5,277	5,277	5,277
68. TREASURY CHECKS				
FY-75	38,763	38,963	39,163	39,363

SCHEDULE IV

CITIZENSHIP AND PASSPORT

SERVICES

AMEMBASSY

BERN, SWITZERLAN

69.PPT APPLCATIONS

EXECUTED	2,016	2,400	2,500	2,600
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70. PPT APPLICATIONS

EXAMINED	2	0	0	0
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71. FEE PPTS ISSUED	2,013	2,400	2,500	2,600
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72. NO-FEE PPTS ISSUED	0	0	0	0
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73. PPTS AMENDED OR

EXTENDED	700	750	780	800
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74. NEW REGISTRATION

APPLICATIONS	2,163	2,200	2,250	2,280
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75. REPORTS OF BIRTH	134	140	150	160
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76. WITNESS TO MARRIAGE	0	0	0	0
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77. WAIVER OF PASSPORTS	5	10	15	20
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78. SUB-TOTALPPT CASES	7,033	7,900	8,195	8,460
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79. IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED	2	0	0	0
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80. TOTAL PPT CASES 7,035 7,900 8,195 8,460

MAN-HOURS UTILIZED:

AMERICAN:

81. FULL TIME PERMANENT 946 946 946 946

82. TEMPORARY DETAIL 0 0 0 0

83. PIT 0 0 0 0

84. SUB-TOTAL AMERICAN

MAN-HOURS 946 946 946 946

85. FULL TIME PERMANENT 2,791 2,791 2,791 2,791

86. TEMPORARY DETAIL 0 0 0 0

87. PIT 0 0 0 0

88. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL

MAN-HOURS 2,791 2,791 2,791 2,791

89. TOTAL PPT MAN-HOURS 3,737 3,737 3,737 3,737

95. AMERICANS REGISTERED

(3/31/76) 11,875 11,875 11,875 11,875

AMERICAN CITIZEN RESIDENT:

96. OFFICIALS 425 425 425 425

97. NON-OFFICIALS 11,459 11,459 11,459 11,459

SCHEDULE V

CONDITIONS AND JUSTIFICATIONS

AMEMBASSY

BERN, SWITZERLAND

FY-1975

HOURS GAINED - AMERICAN LOCAL

OVERTIME NOT RECORDED BALANCED BY COMPENSATORY TIME OFF

HOURS LOST - AMERICAN LOCAL

DETAILS OUT - 40

STAFFING GAPS - -

PROLONGED LEAVE- -

SCHEDULE VI

POSITIONS

AMEMBASSY

BERN, SWITZERLAND VISAS SCS PPT GENERAL TOTAL

AMERICANS:

105. AUTHORIZED 6/30/75 1 - - 2 3

106. AUTHORIZED 3/31/76 1 - - 2 3

107. FILLED 3/31/76 1 - - 2 3

INCREASE-DECREASE:

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108. REQUIRED FY-1977 UNKNOWN - TO BE DETERMINED ON

109. REQUIRED FY-1978 THE BASIS OF THE EXPERIENCE OF
THE GENEVA OPERATION

LOCALS: VISAS SCS PPT GENERAL TOTAL

105. AUTHORIZED 6/30/75 4 1 1 2 8

106. AUTHORIZED 3/31/76 4 1 1 2 8

107. FILLED 3/31/76 4 1 1 2 8

INCREASE/DECREASE:

108. REQUIRED FY-1977 UNKNOWN - TO BE DETERMINED ON

109. REQUIRED FY-1978 THE BASIS OF THE EXPERIENCE OF
THE GENEVA OPERATION

SCHEDULE VII

FEDERAL BENEFITS, FRAUD, ETC.

AMEMBASSY,

BERN, SWITZERLAND

A. FEDERAL BENEFITS ACTIVITY:

NUMBER OF SSA REIMBURSED:

AMERICAN: 0 LOCAL: 0

HOURS WORKED BY OCCUPANTS OF THESE POSITIONS ON WORK OTHER THAN
FEDERAL BENEFITS

AMERICAN: 0 LOCAL: 0

HOURS WORKED BY REGULAR (NON-REIMBURSED) CONSULAR EMPLOYEES ON
FEDERAL BENEFITS:

AMERICAN: 195 LOCAL: 2,400

ESTIMATED INCREASE OVER FIVE YEARS AGO 1,500

ESTIMATED INCREASE DURING NEXT FIVE YEARS: 200

B. FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS:

(1) NOT DONE: X

(2) DONE BY SY: -

(3) DONE BY CONSULAR SECTION: -

(A) SPECIAL FRAUD UNIT OR

(B) REGULAR PERSONNEL

IF DONE BY CONSULAR UNIT - MANHOURS FOR:

AMERICAN: 0 LOCAL: 0

VISA APPLICATIONS: 27,483 RATE OF INCREASE: 9 PERCENT

PPT APPLICATIONS: 2,018 RATE OF INCREASE: 18.34 PERCENT

DONE FOR INS: 1,125 RATE OF INCREASE: 10.29 PERCENT

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C. MISSION INTEREST CASES - DOES POST HAVE FORMAL REFERRAL SYSTEM: NO

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HOW ARE MISSION INTEREST CASES USUALLY HANDLED: INFORMALLY - BY
DIRECT CONTACT. THERE ARE ALMOST NONE.

D. NUMBER OF AMERICAN CITIZENS IN JAIL:

AS OF 3/31/76: 4 RATE OF DECREASE: 60 PERCENT.

(A) IS EMBASSY NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY WHEN U.S. CITIZENS ARRESTED:
SWITZERLAND IS A PARTY TO THE VIENNA CONSULAR CONVENTION. UNDER ART.
36.1(B) SWITZERLAND IS ONLY OBLIGED TO NOTIFY THE EMBASSY OF THE
ARREST OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN IF THE CITIZEN SO REQUESTS. SWISS
AUTHORITIES INVARIABLY COMMUNICATE SUCH A REQUEST TO THE EMBASSY.
(B) DESCRIBE ANY PROTECTION PROBLEMS: THE SWISS JUDICIAL SYSTEM IS
FAIR AND NON-DISCRIMINATORY. PRISON CONDITIONS ARE EXCELLENT.

(C) DESCRIBE POST'S PROTECTION PROGRAM: A CONSULAR OFFICER VISITS
EVERY IMPRISONED AMERICAN AS SOON AS THE EMBASSY LEARNS OF THE
ARREST AND IMPRISONMENT. THEREAFTER PRISONERS ARE VISITED EVERY
THREE MONTHS OR MORE FREQUENTLY IF THEY SO REQUEST.
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